

# Mayor Surprised By Objections of Mrs. H. S. White

## No Affront to Widow of Firefighter Intended

Mayor Marvin yesterday expressed surprise at the objection of Mrs. Hamilton S. White to removal of the memorial to her husband from the west to the east side of Fayette park to make room for the new Columbus memorial.

"In good faith I made the announcement that all hands were agreed the new memorial should be located on the South State street front of the property," the mayor said.

"Captain Howard is the consultant of the planning commission and to him I delegated duty of an investigation to determine the location of the Columbus memorial. He favored Fayette park if the White monument could be moved to the other end to face the former White home.

"He reported to me that he had consulted Mrs. White and she agreed to leave the matter to certain public men who had been friends of her husband during his lifetime of fire-fighting and interest in fire prevention. He reported to me that these friends agreed neither the character of the park nor the impressiveness of the memorial would be injured by its removal to the other end.

"Of course the wishes of Mrs. White must be considered. We never had any other intention. Just what the final determination in the matter will be I cannot say but I do say no affront to Mrs. White was intended and none would be sanctioned by me."